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HOTLINES**

**Domestic Violence
1-800-572-SAFE (7233)**

**Sexual Assault
1-800-601-7200**

**Women's Referral Central
1-800-322-8092**



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New Jersey Division on Women
*Advocating for the rights and opportunities
for all women in the State of New Jersey*

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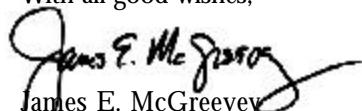
Greetings from Governor James E. McGreevey and Commissioner Susan Bass Levin

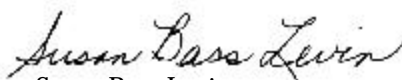
Since entering office, we have advanced women's rights by strengthening important legislation and protections, and increased outreach efforts on concerns critical to women throughout the State. We have implemented a number of laws and programs to empower New Jersey's women to address issues like domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and substance abuse.

We share your commitment to moving forward on an aggressive women's agenda. As a State, we must understand the historic disparity in women's income, as well as the unique role of women grappling with the demands of healthcare, education and working families. We must do more to ensure that women have access to business and development opportunities throughout the State. In that, we must make government work for women.

We are dedicated to developing a strong, progressive, pro-women agenda for the State of New Jersey. Working together, we are certain to make a profound difference.

With all good wishes,


James E. McGreevey
Governor


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The New Jersey Division on Women

Established by Statute in 1974, the Division on Women serves as New Jersey's central agency for the coordination of programs and services for women. The Division provides leadership in the formulation of public policy and in the development, coordination and evaluation of programs and services for women.

The staff works closely with other agencies to develop and support programs that help women in the areas of employment, education, childcare, family law, legal rights, violence against women and more.

The Division:

- administers programs
- provides grants and technical assistance
- supports statewide information hotlines
- promotes legislation to advances women's socio-economic status and legal rights

The New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women

The New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women was created in 1974. The Commission's mission is to advise and work with the Division on Women on issues of concern to women in New Jersey. The Commission also works in cooperation with county and municipal commissions and is a member of the National Association of Commissions for Women.

The Support, Education, Employment & Training Unit

The Division's Support, Employment, Training and Education Unit helps thousands of women achieve economic self-sufficiency through Displaced Homemaker Programs, Hispanic Resource Centers and Urban Women Centers. These centers offer education, supportive counseling, job readiness workshops, computer literacy, financial literacy, job placement and English as a Second Language classes, in addition to other services that meet the needs of eligible women.

The Office on the Prevention of Violence Against Women

The Office of the Prevention of Violence Against Women (OPVAW) was created in 1992 by Executive Order No. 61. The OPVAW provides legislative analysis, public education, and policy and program development on issues of violence against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault and sexual harassment.

The OPVAW also houses grant programs related to violence against women, such as the State Rape Care Program, which provides funding for a rape crisis program in each county. Each rape crisis program assists survivors of sexual assault with a 24-hour hotline, individual and group counseling, accompaniment to the hospital, police and courts and other victim advocacy services.

Other grant programs include women's shelter grants, the Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline, Women's Referral Central Hotline, prevention of violence against women grants and police training grants.



The Office on Women's Policy and Research

The Office on Women's Policy and Research analyzes and supports legislation that will advance the status of women in New Jersey. The Office also supports special research projects on the status of women in New Jersey, such as the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and NJ WomenCount.